

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 264

HOUSE BILL NO. 465

By Representative Odom

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 939

By Senators Watson, Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8 and Title 55, Chapter 21, relative to certain health providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-106(7), is amended by adding the following words and punctuation between the word "physician" and the semi-colon:

or a nurse practitioner or physician assistant so long as the task is expressly included in the written protocol developed jointly by the supervising physician and the nurse practitioner or physician assistant, whichever is applicable, setting forth the range of services that may be performed by the nurse practitioner or physician assistant

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 55-21-152. A nurse practitioner licensed under title 63, chapter 7, and a physician assistant licensed under title 63, chapter 19, shall have the same authority that a physician has under this part to issue certified statements of disability or deafness to accompany the application of disabled or deaf persons to obtain the appropriate registration, license plates, placards, and decals from the department, as described in this part only if such authority is expressly included in the written protocol developed jointly by the supervising physician and the nurse practitioner or physician assistant, whichever is applicable, setting forth the range of services that may be performed by the nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 4, 2009



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR